

7. Making the plants his food, AGOT
devouring
them is never satiated, but fall& again
upon the
young (shrubs).

8.- Bowing down (the trees) with Ms
tongues (of
flame), and blazing with splendour, AGKI
shines in
the forestSo

9₀ Thy station, AGKNI, is in the
waters: thou
clingest to the plants, and becoming
their embryo,
art born again.

10. Thy lustre, AGNI, lambant in the
mouth of
the ladle, shines when offered from (the
oblation of)
butter.

Varga xxxi. H. Let us adore with hymns AGOT,
the grauter
(of desires), the eater of the ox, the
eater of the
marrow, on whose back the libation is
poured.

12. We solicit thee, AGNI, invoker of
the gods,
performer of sacred rites,* with oblations and
with
fuel.

13. Holy AGNI, to whom oblations are
offered,
we worship thee in like manner (as thou hast
been
worshipped) by BHRIGTJ, by MANTIS, by ANGIBAS.

14. Thou, AGNI, art kindled by AGNI ; a
sage by
a sage, a saint by a saint, f a friend by a friend.

* Say ana takes *varenyalcrato*, ^{ct} 0 thou who
possessest desirable
knowledge."

f *San* and *said* are explained by Sayana as
respectively *vidya-*

mdnak and *vidyamdnena*; and he refers to a passage in the Aitareya Brahmana, i. 16, which describes how the fire produced by friction from the two *aranis* is thrown into the Ahavaniya